



The Quest

Every time I open a bag of M&M's there is a specific procedure I must follow in order to eat them properly. I take the first two M&M's out of the bag and position them carefully, one on top of the other, between my thumb and fore finger. I then press my fingers together until one of the M&M's cracks. This is the weak one, which must be eliminated. I eat the broken one, and then take another M&M out of the bag and position it against the winner, the unbroken one, and again squeeze them together to see which one will break first. I repeat this process with each M&M in the bag until I have only one left. This is my champion, the strongest and most powerful candy in all the bag. The weaker, inferior ones have been consumed.

I do not eat this last M&M. Instead, when I have enough of these champions, one from every bag, I send them to the M&M processing plant with a letter informing the director,

The Fence

There was a little boy with a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, to hammer a nail in the back fence. The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Then it gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence. Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper. The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, "You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there. A verbal wound is as bad as a physical one. Friends are a very rare jewel, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. They lend an ear, they share a word of praise, and they always want to open their hearts to us. Show your friends how much you care. Send this to everyone you consider a FRIEND even if it means sending it back to the person who sent it to you."

Please use these M&M's for reproductive purposes. After a few weeks they then send me a thank you letter and a free bag of M&M's. This is my research grant. With it I continue my quest for the strongest, most superior M&M, for the strongest and most protective shell in all the world. I will find this M&M that alone in all the world is the only M&M never broke. That is the greatest M&M of all. There can only be one.



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the shit out
a car. →

Acid FREE Paper

a zine for our disgusted youth



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2 Hell-o there: This is Acid Free Paper one year

anniversary issue. It's the Action Issue. It's full of information on how to get involved in a lot of worthy causes. Complete with Punk Rock Reviews, Anarchy and tons of Political Activism. Cause that's what punk is about: the direct Action; not the new school punk rock music.

We had a lot of help with this issue and the last and I'd like to thank everyone who's helped me out: Another State of Mind (punk shop in Oregon), Stuart Norris who writes Free Society Zine (he set me tons of political propaganda and Peta info), all the guys from Rockheavy for distributing Acid Free Paper in the UK. There probably more people who helped me out but thanks...

Finally, after an entire year, we are actually starting to make money from doing this. We can actually afford to print this without scamming money off our parents and friends. Anyway, go check out our punk distribution site:

www.acidfree.fm.com/punkdistro/

We sell patches, t-shirts, skirts and other punk rock stuff. Cheers!! Anyway, we've got a lot of excellent stuff in this issue...

"Unanswered questions are far less dangerous than unquestioned answers."

"the human spirit is a hard thing to kill....(even with a chainsaw)"



"People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges."

"I am who I am, doing what I came to do." - Audre Lourde

"My life may not be anything special, but it's never been lived before." - Ani DiFranco

"Don't regret what you fuck up - look forward to what you can still fuck up!" - Tawanda



UNTITLED

By Asta

These feelings, I can't begin to explain. So jumbled and mixed from day to day. First one good, then one bad. Some of which I've never had. The love I have started it all. But then everything began to fall. Lost and confused, don't know what to do. Should I continue to give my love to you? One thing contradicts the other. Something special on the verge of being over. Not sure how I'm supposed to feel. Sometimes I wonder, "Is this for real?" I've never had love so strong before. So I stop, or go on to give more? Love and betrayal, so much confusion. Through all this I still seem to give in. Which is greater, the pain or the love? Could it be it's all of the above?

SAVE Mumia Abu-Jamal...

Who is Mumia?

Mumia Abu-Jamal is an award-winning radio journalist and former Black Panther, known as Philadelphia's "Voice of the Voiceless" for his outspoken criticism of the Philadelphia police department's notorious brutality.

Mumia Abu-Jamal is a political prisoner. Mumia has lived on Pennsylvania's death row since 1982, when he was convicted of killing a Philadelphia police officer. Mumia's original trial made a mockery of justice: The Philadelphia police blatantly concocted a confession and key witnesses have since come forward to say that they were coerced by police into giving false testimony. In addition, Mumia's original trial judge, who sent more people to death row than any other judge in the US, was blatantly biased, repeatedly barring Mumia from courtroom and striking evidence that may have acquitted him.

For the last 18 years Mumia has been locked alone in a cell 23 hours a day, denied contact visits with his family. He was put into punitive detention for writing his book *Live From Death Row*, which is in it's sixth printing by Addison-Wesley. Journalists are now prohibited from filming or recording interviews with him. As Mumia has put it, "They don't just want my death, they want my silence."

HELP SAVE MUMIA!!! PLEASE, HIS LIFE DEPENDS ON YOU!

He needs money for legal fees which are tremendous. Send contributions here: Philadelphia, PA 19132-4502

(they are tax deductible and checks must be made out to Black United Fund of PA/Mumia Abu-Jamal) (earmark all contributions Legal Defense)

Write Mumia here:

Mumia Abu-Jamal

#AM-8335, SCI Greene,

1040 East R. Furman Highway

Waynesburg PA, 15370-8090

"I used to be a white American but I gave it up in the interest of humanity."

"If I can't dance I don't want to be a part of your revolution."

- Emma Goldman

"Fuck your fascist beauty standards." - One Angry Girl Shirts

"Hate sexism. It hates you." - Paula Dora

"Even when you're a minority of one, the truth remains the truth." - Mahatma Gandhi

Out of Africa, into Chains

In their homelands, elephants are highly social, foraging food, raising their babies, going for long walks, bathing, and playing together. The circus deprives them of all freedom and family life.

ELEPHANTS AND CIRCUSES spend years chained by the legs. They are often forced to sleep while standing up in cramped trucks, must perform while ill, are under constant threat of punishment with bull hooks, which are jabbed into the sensitive skin on their faces and toes and behind their knees.

Elephants Infected With Tuberculosis

Because of stress and often damp and cramped living quarters, elephants in the circus are vulnerable to illness like TB, which can be passed from elephants to people who ride and touch them. Recently, two elephants, Hattie and Joyce, died of TB, and their handlers are now infected with the disease. Children

are particularly at risk, and TB is highly contagious; 171,000 children died of TB every year. Hattie and Joyce were still giving rides to children just days before their deaths.

Please patronize only animal-free circuses, such as Cirque de Soleil, Circus Oz, the New Pickle Circus, and the Cirque d'Hiver.

What You Can Do...

-Eliminating animal exploitation simply means the increased use of human performers. Write to Peta for information on ways to get an animal display ban passed in your area.

-Don't patronize circuses that use animals. Peta can provide 'Circus Check' fliers to pass out to patrons if the circus comes to your town. Find out about the local animal protection laws, and report any possible violations to authorities.

-Take your family to see only animal free circuses. -Run these circuses out of your town! Ask your town/city council to ban animal acts.

Send for PETA's free pack telling you how. Go to www.peta-online.com

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Green Anarchy

Many years ago, a hope was revealed for environmentalists, ecologists and green anarchists in North America. Government funding started appearing, regional politicians held spectacular forums on waste management and a new locally installed recycling industry began. Years later many greens looked back in a kind of disappointment. Many people nowadays claim to be avid recyclers and composters. Kelowna's civic government recently announced that the annual amount of waste accumulated in their regional landfill had been sliced to 50% of it's former level. Although these facts are positive they really don't solve the problems posed by the finite Earth.

Recycling is both useful and necessary, but it is an illusion to imagine that it provides any real answers. Recycling itself uses resources and energy, and creates thermal pollution. It's just an industrial activity like all the others. Jonathan Porit explains "that the fiction of combining present levels of consumption with 'limitless recycling' is more characteristic of the technocratic vision than an ecological one." Obviously our government was more in favor of a technological fix than it was in resolving environmental problems. The government emphasized recycling because (1) It didn't require people to subscribe to a different set of values (a change in values would have benefited the ecologists very much), (2) A new recycling industry meant a new source of profit, (3) the act of promoting a new ecological revolution meant relief from political and economical strain on the part of the politicians and in turn gave the masses something else to focus on. In effect, a traditional green idea had been exploited for the use of conventional politics and economics.

In order to combat the traditional forms of environmentalism, supporters of the ecological revolution use these three strategies. First, they continue to argue that consumption at increasing levels is impossible given the finite product level imposed by the planet. This argument in fact requires little arguing at all when we look at unsustainable and exploited countries in contrast to the well-to-do G-8 countries.

The second strategy employed by green ideologues is to argue for the benefits of a less materialistic society. This means making a distinction between needs and wants, suggesting that many of the items we consume and that we consider to be needs are in fact wants that have been converted into needs at the behest of powerful persuasive forces (nothing new...)

The final aspect is the promotion of the idea that exploitation of nature is linked to the exploitation of people, and that the former is the precondition of the latter. This statement, however, leaves room for disagreement even among ecologists. Lindy Williams, a former co-chair of the Green Party in Canada, writes that 'exploitation of the planet inevitably involves the exploitation of people'. However, the social anarchist Murray Bookchin states that 'the idea' of dominating nature stems from the domination of human by human.

Amidst my disappointment of the government's lack of ecological understanding in the past as well as in the present, I still believe that my disappointment can be put to an end. Maybe one day the 'arguing' will cease and the 'doing' will commence. But while we wait and wait and wait...species continue to suffer (yes, humans are one of them) and our planet continues to die.

ANARCHY

Ever reviled, accursed, ne'er understood,
Thou art the grisly terror of our age.
"Wreck of all order," cry the multitude,
"Art thou, and war and murder's endless rage."
O, let them cry. To let them ne'er have striven
The truth that lies behind a word to find,
To them the word's right meaning was not given.
They shall continue blind among the blind.
But thou, O word, so clear, so strong, so pure.
Thou sayest all which I for goal have taken.
I give thee to the future! Thine secure.

When each at least unto himself shall waken.
Come it in sunshine? In the tempest's thrill?
I cannot tell—but it the earth shall seel
I am an Anarchist! Wherefore I will
Not rule, And also ruled I will not be!
-JOHN HENRY MACKAY

CHAOS PUNKS FUCK OFF!!!



Punk is not dead, but it probably should be

by Adam Puchalski from Attempt Failed

OK, here goes, my first real attempt at writing an article... I'd like to bring everyone's attention to something that really gets my goat. And that is the word "punk." First off, punk may not be dead, but it sure as hell isn't doing anything productive. It used to be about bringing around the positive change through music and D.I.Y. culture. Granted, I wasn't around in those days, but hearing about the original goals of the punk movement was what attracted me to it in the first place. However, when I go to a show, what do I see? Brainwashed fucking clones. Everyone's so uptight about how much credibility someone has or whether or not someone has the right ripped t shirt or spiked leather jacket. I'm sorry, but is this what punk was about? I thought it was about anarchy and the destruction of the corporate capitalist power structure. And yet these self-proclaimed "punks" would rather spend \$200 on a leather jacket than a donation to Food Not Bombs, A.R.A. (Anti Racist Action), A.L.F. (Animal Liberation Front), etc. And then when someone actually does try to change something, the thugs at the show tell them to "shut the fuck up with the political bullshit." Apparently, they'd rather yell Oll And throw each other around than actually listen to what the bands are trying to say. Don't even get me started on the subject of POP PUNK shit. The Ramones were shit, Green Day have violins on their albums, the Queers sing about "yummy yummy punk rock girls." What is this? Since when is punk about profits and stadium concerts? I refuse to call myself a punk because I detest the packaged product it has become in recent years. Go home and open up your Crass record and read the lyrics. Wow, it sure says a lot, doesn't it? Throw away your spiked bracelets and "manic panic" hair dye that you bought at Hot Topic. Talk to a real Anarchist, support your local political prisoner. That's what punk should be about.



In Memory of Dan Sheresty and Lin "Spit" Newborn

The night of July 4th, 1998, the world lost two dedicated anti racist activists; Lin "Spit" Newborn and Daniel Sheresty. The two anti-racist skinheads were also supporters of the Las Vegas chapter of Anti-Racist Action. That night Spit and Dan were lured into the desert by a former client of Spit's at a local tattoo parlor where he worked. That was the last time either of them had been seen alive. Spit and Dan were murdered by members of the Las Vegas bonehead community because of their fight against racism and fascism, making these killings a hate crime. These two comrades were loved and looked up to by many, and will most definitely be missed. They were much like any other anti-racist activists, committed in fighting injustices in this world. And, as activists with Las Vegas Unity skins, they worked to inform those that most skinheads are in fact not racist, a point which the mainstream media seems to leave out of stories dealing with skinheads. Both Spit and Dan would rather educate and talk with those, than raise a fist. These murders have strengthened ties among anti-racist activists, as Spit and Dan were our brothers, and hold a part of us all. Spit's legacy lives on in his son. We are currently trying to raise money to benefit Spit's son. A 20 year trust fund has been established in his name. We are to ask for people to make donations however small to Las Vegas ARA for this purpose. Mail checks or money orders to:

ARA Las Vegas POB 29057 Las Vegas, NV 89126-3057

We love and remember our friends who were everyday heroes just for speaking out. Spit and Dan spent their whole lives standing for Unity. It's a shame and tragedy that two young men who were such strong and positive influences in their community were taken from us by such a horrid and despicable act. We can not forget the need to stop racist terror and we can also not forget the dreams of people like Dan and Spit everywhere who always believed that people could just get along.

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punk

ROCKER

do you wanna punk rock with me?

BURNING LONDON-The Clash Tribute

This CD really pissed me off. One of the Ultimate punk bands of all time who are well deserving a tribute album get stuck with the biggest piece of crap ever.

Whoever gave the last ok to this album is a huge fucking moron. It features bands like No Doubt, 311, Moby, 3rd Eye Blind, Rancid, and a bunch of other crap bands.

It was like a contest in my mind of Who could possibly do a shittier cover than the last band I heard. It went on until about song #8 when the CD started skipping. This was a CD straight outta the package. So don't buy it. It'll just fuck up your CD player.

-Melysah Madness

WHERE IS MY MIND?- A Tribute to the Pixies

I found this album on the internet and I couldn't find any downloads so I hopped

on the bus and went down to a record store

cause I absolutely had to hear this album. There was no way this could have been anything but amazing and it was. The line-up

of faithful Pixies re-creators includes Weezer, Senseless, Samain and

The Promise Ring. Back in the day the Pixies undeservedly wallowed in obscurity. Hopefully these songs will go far in

re-introducing the music of the Pixies to those who missed it the first time around. At the record store, I never did get around to buying

it, but it's been good enough to keep me coming back to the listening booth.

-Melysah Madness

-Fleas and Lice/ Assrash split ep

UP THE FXXKIN PUNX! Fleas and Lice rock it up foo, straight up punk rawk with male/female vox this song contains one of my favorite punk anthems UP THE PUNKS! Assrash cannot release a bad record. The vocals are by far one of the most unique ive heard, crazy drunken maddness that always seems to sound so damn good!

ROOT



SMUGGLERS-Growing Up Smuggler (Lookout/Mint/1+2/...) We all know that naughty little teenagers have their scandalous ways of acquiring money that is not rightfully theirs and feeling no remorse for doing so. One of the more popular ways being ripping off CD's from a big Corporate looking type place and walking two blocks down the street and selling them at a little CD exchange shop. Well, this is how I managed to get this CD. I didn't steal it. However, no one ever had to pay for it. I don't feel bad for having it for two reasons: Retailers like Wal Mart should be ripped off. Support mom&pop shops, AND this CD was stolen for the music not the money. Anyway, it's a totally kickin' CD by an amazing Canadian punk band. It was recorded live in Spain for their 10 year anniversary. This isn't their latest CD but it's really friggin good and it's funny as hell. But Don't take my word for it. Go steal your own copy.

-Code13 "a part of america died today" ep

the newest 7inch from these Minneapolis boys that know how to kick lots of ass. Thrashy hardcore bringing it back to the 80's(what a beautiful decade!). Songs about taking back skateboarding from lame new school losers, the nibomber, comic books, and all kinds of kick ass stuff, damn, code 13 rules.

Aftermath

this is a benefit compilation for Profane Existence. No, they're not trying to bring it back, they're trying to take care of the huge debt's the collective had left in it's wake. Bands from all over the world are on this CD (or LP) documenting one of the best political punk compilations of the century. Some of my favorite bands who appear on it are: Resist and Exist, a horrehouse of Representatives, Brother Inferior, Doom, Armistice, and many many more.

Aus-Rotten

...and now back to our programming

The new one from Aus-Rotten. I don't know how to describe them either because this is one of those bands I grew up with and everyone around me knows who they are. With female vocals on most of the songs, two zines with tons of information in them, and a huge anti-xenophobia poster, it won my heart. This or any Aus-Rotten record is a good record for those of you who have just discovered the political punk scene.

DIRT-"Black & White"-Double LP(Skuld): This contains just about every song they've done including a couple unreleased. DIRT dates back to the CRASS records era. Political hardcore at its' best. Highly recommended!! 38 songs in all!

Resist-"Endless Resistance" CD(Malarie): A compilation of almost every song Resist recorded, including five tracks. Straight forward hardcore from one of the greatest bands to come out of Portland, Oregon. Lyrics attacking all forms of repression and government control. Not an easy find CD. 43 songs.

Blanks 77 • C.B.H. • Radical Records: This is old school raw punk rock. They make a big deal out of the fact that there are two punk lesbians making out in the cover, so I will pass along that information to you. Yippie Ding. There are some good tracks on this disc. Lots of energy and power. It's pretty good stuff.

Oxymoron "The Pack is Back": Oxymoron are melodic Oil/Street Punk band from Germany. This is their second full-length and is a great CD. The dual Guitars provide a great sound and the Choruses are really good to. 14 songs about Society, The Cops, Liars and other street punk topics. The singing is very anthemic and is a very nice touch.

The Unseen "So This is Freedom" CD: The Unseen play pissed off gutter-punk kinda like the Casualties, except I like the vocals on this CD better than the vocals on The Casualties CD's I've heard. "Punx Attack" and "Are we Dead yet" have really cool backing vocals and they even cover Michael Jackson's "Beat It"! Pick it up if you like pissed-off Street Punk.

The Business/Dropkick Murphy's "Mob Mentality"-Split CD This CD has all 3 tracks from the split 7" by these 2 bands and is a pretty solid release. Not the best work by either band but a good offering to hold fans over until the next Dropkick full-length record. Each band covers one of the others songs plus the Dropkick's cover "My Generation" by The Who and The Business cover a Slapshot song.

BRIAN DENEKE**1978 - 1997**

December 12, 1997.
Amarillo, Texas.
Brian Deneke is murdered.

He is run over by a "jock"
named Dustin Camp, in a
1980s full-size Cadillac.

Brian dies in a parking lot in
the arms of his brother.

His parents never get to say
goodbye to their son.

The killer gets PROBATION.

If any of you watched 20/20 on January 6, 2000, most of you saw the segment on Brian Deneke, and how he got murdered by a jock. Brian wasn't just any other kid, he was a punk. Jocks and Punks have been fighting for years, but this went to far. To make a long story short, Dustin Camp (the killer jock) and his friends were picking on a small group of punk kids. They started to beat up Brian, but that's not all. After they were finished beating him up, one football player ran over him with his car. Then after Dustin Camp ran him over, he drove away saying, "I'm a ninja in my caddle. I bet he liked that one."

Brian Deneke probably never did anything horrible in his life. But just because of the way he looks, a bunch of football players beat him up, and one of them ran over him with his car. But guess what? That's not all. Most of you buy now are thinking, "Well Dustin Camp is probably in jail now right?" Wrong! He's only on probation! Just because the kid looked different from what society wants their youth to look like! Does this seem wrong to anyone else but me? I have just sent an e-mail to the lawyer of Dustin Camp, and if you feel as strong about this as me, I encourage you to do also.

This murder shouldn't have happened. Today's youth needs to take a reality check, and look deeper into a person and judge them by how they actually are, and not how they look on the outside.

the phone for thirty seconds it costs them a dollar. Be creative:
order their catalogs, make C.O.D. orders to fake addresses.

- American Legend Fur Auction House:
1-800-445-MINK
- F.C. Taylor Fur Company: 1-800-334-2923
- Funke Mink: 1-800-626-2884
- Fur by Weiss: 1-800-423-MINK
- Fur Wardrobe: 1-800-424-3877
- Macy's Fur: 1-800-TLC-FURS
- Birchwood Livestock Genetics: 1-800-829-6342
- Colgate/Palmolive: 1-800-338-8388
- Hilltop Lab Animals: 1-800-245-6921
- Proctor & Gamble: 1-800-543-0485
- Biological Supply: 1-800-962-2660
- Big Game Fishing: 1-800-458-2879
- Bowhunting Safari Consultants: 1-800-833-9777
- Taxidermy How To Videos: 1-800-334-8012
- World Hints: 1-800-448-6846
- Bob Crosby's Donkey Basketball: 1-800-826-7108
- Atlantic Veal Corporation: 1-800-221-6988
- Burger King: 1-800-YES-1-800
- Commodity Meats: 1-800-PORK-ROLL
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exploiters. Every
time you keep them

**Statement**

Freedom is a right entitled to all by existence, not a privilege to be permitted by a state. The populace has fallen for the lie that all these rules and regulations have been constructed to serve and protect us from criminals. This is not the case. The (in)justice system was created to protect the interests of the rich and powerful who have stolen the Earth from us, and then rented it back in return for our lives which we give in labor that profits these people further, and destroys the Earth further. To protect this nice arrangement, the rich and powerful have the police which serve as loyal soldiers and guardians of the capitalist and pseudo-democracy. This pseudo-democracy gives us the illusion that we somehow have a hand in our destiny, while we only have several choices, and one overall perspective: protecting corporate gain. So what do you do? Throw up your hands and say, "It's too overwhelming," or get off your ass and help fix it?

The Truth About Democratic Government

Four more years of anger, Four more years of pain.
Four more years until another fuck gets in again.
Harris is a figurehead, there's no use pointing blame.
Three parties to choose from and they're all the fuckin' same.
Subjected to the rule, of everyone around me.
Limiting the freedom to be what I want to be.
They say this is freedom. I say that's a lie.
The only time you're free is when you're born and when you die.
And when I look into the eyes of our oppressors,
I don't see any compassion.
I don't see any recognition of guilt, They do whatever they can
To maintain their oppression.
Fight Back!
FIGHT BACK! "Live on your feet, or die on your knees!"

**The Super Punks by Melysah**

I'm sitting here in my math class. I could be doing my work... No, I couldn't be. Anyway, I've been sitting here thinking. I've been almost pissed off at myself because I can't come up with an answer as to why I had to choose the most complicated and confusing subculture to be a part of. The Punk Subculture. The only one where you have to constantly worry about how punk or unpunk you are. If you ask me, I think it's a bunch of bullshit. I totally support the real punks who rant about little kids who listen to Blink 182, MxPx, Gob, I could go on... But it's such a fashion thing. Some people will argue that that's how punk started. It was started to sell punk clothes in a little shop in London, UK. But over the years punk culture grew and became something, and whatever that was, it's gone now. And if you're gonna call yourself punk you've gotta accept punk as a lifestyle not just a preference in music, that means you can't rent "The Great Rock N' Roll Swindle" or "SLC PUNK" and figure punk out from there because both of those movies were absolute trash.

Punk has become purely fashion and there isn't any activism anymore. Everyone's too caught up in how many spikes you have in your leather jacket, how tall your mohawk is or how violent you are in the mosh pit. These are the people I like to call the "Super Punks". I find it quite pathetic how most punks complain how the scene is dying and no one's got their heart into it anymore yet they stick real close with their group of friends and they don't give anyone else a chance if they happen to be new or from out of town regardless of how long they've been in the scene for. From personal experience I find the only punks who really give a shit about the scene are the sXe kids.

This is an article for all those punks who think they're "too cool" and "way too punk rock for anyone else". It's to tell all you stupid fuckers to get involved with a political cause and stop worrying about meaningless shit. Instead of spending your time putting spikes in your jacket or spiking your mohawk go to an ARA meeting. Get involved with Food Not Bombs, Animal Liberation Front, Anarchist Black Cross. Direct Action!! Write a zine, Start a band, Protest! Just get involved.

Public Schools.

by Seth Steele

I am no fan of the public school system. I was in it for 9 years and I have seen what it has to offer. It is a front. It is the government's tool for molding us into the kind of citizens that they would rather have. Athletics are promoted simply because later, when all those sports stars are earning minimum wage and living in a trailer, they will be happy, productive citizens. The government wants no deviants.

Schools are biased as hell, despite what they may claim. I recall an incident at my old junior high that is a perfect example. Now I am NOT a devil worshipper. But I respect everyone's right to worship how they want, as long as they don't shove it in my face. Now the school system has to let people wear crosses, religious shirts, pentacles, etc. They can let students wear all of them, or none at all. This was not the case at my school. They had a special ban on any item relating to Satan, be it an upside-down pentagram, or a shirt depicting the devil. This is completely illegal. The schools can't pick and choose what religions are allowed. But do they get into trouble for this? Hell no.

Falling in
love is like
setting yourself
on fire hoping
Not to get
BURNED

STAND UP AND
FUCK ANARCHISM!!

DEFEND ANARCHIST AND CLASS WAR PRISONERS!

SUPPORT THE ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS.

The Anarchist Black Cross is an international federation dedicated to freeing all political, class war and anarchist prisoners. Anarchist Black Cross was founded after the Bolshevik Counterrevolution in Russia as a campaign to free anarchists jailed for their politics. While many countries have political prisoners, it is the practice of the United States, and other capitalist countries, to try and de-legitimize and trivialize the politics and rights of political prisoners by framing them with manufactured criminal charges. There are currently hundreds of political prisoners who need our support.

Get involved today so that our brothers and sisters may be free!
You can contact the Anarchist Black Cross by writing to this address:

Anarchist Black Cross
c/o Patterson ABC
P.O. Box 8523
Patterson, NJ 07508

These are some political prisoners currently serving time that need our help and support. While there are many more cases other than the ones listed here, these are some that I am more familiar with. If anyone knows of other political prisoners that are in need of support and would like me to put the information about them here please let me know about them.

-Chris Plumber- an anti-racist anarchist activist.

-Leonard Peltier- A Native American political prisoner imprisoned for a shoot out between the FBI and the American Indian Movement (AIM). There is proof of his innocence and that the FBI targeted him for being an activist yet he still remains imprisoned today.

-Mumia Abu Jamal- A political prisoner on death row who was falsely arrested and convicted of the death of a police officer. Singled out because of his activist work with groups like the Black Panther Party and for his work as a journalist not afraid to report the real truth.

Anti Shell Boycott.

Shell tries to hide behind the false visage of a caring and thoughtful environmental company. But all the while it's trying to carry the flag of the Brady bunch image it soaks the lands of Nigeria in blood and oil. Shell apparently believes that since it has money out the arse it can do what it wants to when it wants to. In fact the Shell corporation has hired the Nigerian military out as mercenaries. The local people of the area, the Ogoni, have tried with many unsuccessful attempts to take a stand and force the Shell corporation to leave them and their land alone. As is typical with the imperialist pigs the Shell corporation values the dollar over the land and native people it is forever spilling. The Nigerian Delta is slowly being destroyed and since the 1980's over a million liters of oil has spilled due to improper handling. The natives of the area have a population of around 50,000 although that number is now decreasing. The fields where they grew their crops and the wells and rivers from which they drew their water are now polluted. They have become dependant on foreign food stuff and imports to survive. This is another classic example of the capitalist's wage slave. Pretty soon the people are so in debt that they must go to work for shell and help destroy the area they love even more to survive and provide for their families. Please help boycott shell and let them know what how you feel about their atrocious behavior. Unite to fight.

"let's join hands and do something about this new 'Christian hardcore trend' Christianity is homophobic and sexist, and therefore has no place what so ever in a culture which is supposed to be striving for equality....!!!!" -Ralf

FUR: There's NO EXCUSE

- Animals caught in steel-jaw traps endure excruciating pain from the steel bars clamped on their legs, paws, or torsos.
- Trapped animals suffer in traps for hours or even days before having their chest's stomped on or their necks broken by trappers.
- Traps also cripple and kill thousands of dogs, cats and other animals caught by mistake. Sometimes they chew off their own feet to escape.
- Steel-jaw leghold traps are so notoriously cruel that they have been banned in more than 70 countries and in some states.

PLEASE HELP STOP THE SUFFERING

DID YOU KNOW?

- Animals on fur farms spend their entire lives confined to tiny, filthy cages, constantly pacing back and forth from stress and boredom.
- Some farmers kill animals by anal or vaginal electrocution. Animals who are electrocuted experience the intense pain of a heart attack while fully conscious.
- PETA caught one farmer in Maryland killing minks by injecting an insecticide into their hearts. This crude method of killing causes animals to convulse for up to 10 minutes before they die.
- Other killing methods include gassing and suffocation. Sometimes animals are only stunned and may be skinned alive.

"Freedom is not worth having if it doesn't include the freedom to make mistakes." -Gandhi

"A mind once stretched by a new idea never regains its original dimension." -Oliver Wendell Holmes

MIKE'S LONG AWAITED ARTICLE

Hello all!! I'm back! Sorry it took me so long to get my article out, but I didn't have any material to cover. Now I do. ELIAN GONZALES. He's a six year old kid. Come on! He's being terrorized by two nations; the capitalist pig known as the US Government, and the commie bastards known only as Cuba. Now, most of you know the story by now so I won't go into it. My opinion of all this crap is that kid would be better off dead. Or just have not left Cuba. He crossed international borders on an inner tube, had his mother die, and been kidnapped by the US feds. And now he might have to go back to Commie-World!! If this isn't a good reason for suicide, I don't know what is! Anyway, my point is, this is just a kid and he's gone through hell. WHY??

-Sir Mike